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Week of National Celebrations in Governor of Aruba full swing!





The official celebration is on Friday March 18th, but during the entire week flags will be flown all across the island, with festive decorations at most rotundas (traffic round about).

On Thursday the 17th everyone will be headed to

the streets for "Feria Dushi Tera" festive event which will be replete with numerous activities such as music, food and a national fiesta.

Aruba poised to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Status Aparte and the commemoration of the 35th anniversary of the introduction of our national anthem and national flag. This celebration is scheduled for March

17th. The Plaza Betico Croes, Cas di Cultura and Plaza Bolivariana areas will be transformed into a unique street fair to celebrate our national symbols and the pride of being Aruban and to be able to live on Aruba. There will

be a myriad of local and international food and delicacies, pieces of workmanship, works of art, entertainment for children, musical presentations, song and dance to delight the community and our

The area near the Cas Di Cultura will be reserved for our popular local musical bands, especially for their dance music. At 6:00 p.m. the Tsunami Band will take the stage, followed at 7:00 by Prive. Mirugia de Cuba will begin her presentation at 7:50. Then, at 8:40 Tranzformerz will continue, and be followed at 9:30 by Robert Y Su Solo Banda Show. The presentations on stage will close with a presentation by Youth Extreme at 10:20 to 11:10 pm.

The public is invited to gather on the Plaza Betico Croes to enjoy the presentation of the "All Stars Band" after the Youth Extreme presentation. At midnight there will be a fireworks show which will signal the start of the 18th of March and the celebration of our National Flag and Anthem Day.

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supports National **Bird Count**



On Sunday March 13th, the Governor of Aruba, Mr. Fredis Refunjol, invited the president of Aruba Birdlife Conservation, Greg Peterson, to his residence in order to receive his form for the national bird count...

The Governor, a nature lover, is very pleased about Aruba's first national bird count and appreciates the fact that it will be held on March 18th, Aruba's National Day. The Governor was elated about the large number of schools in Aruba that are participating in this event. Aruba's nature in general and our birds in particular are an important part of our culture and therefore the more school children participate, the better. Aruba's bird populations are under pressure from the invasive Boa constrictor and our birds should be monitored on a yearly basis.

Besides the collection of very important data the national bird count also contributies to increasing awareness of the beauty of nature on Aruba. To further demonstrate his commitment, the Governor informed Aruba Birdlife Conservation that his entire staff will participate in the count.

The Governor of Aruba is requesting one and all in Aruba to participate in Aruba's first national bird count.

Photo shows the moment Governor Fredis Refunjol receives his bird count form from the president of Aruba Birdlife Conservation.



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Fukushima 'unlikely' to be new Chernobyl, says IAEA



Japan's nuclear crisis is spawning 1986, but by a concerns about 'another Chernobyl "buge natural cates."

VIENNA, Austria (AFP) – The crisis at Japan's earthquake-damaged nuclear power plant is "unlikely" to turn into a new Chernobyl, which was the world's worst nuclear accident, the UN atomic watchdog said

"Let me say that the possibility that the development of this accident into one like Chernobyl is very unlikely," Yukiya Amano told a news conference at the headquarters

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of the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna.

The current crisis at the Fukushima nuclear plant was caused not by human error or a design fault, as in the case of Chernobyl in Ukraine in 1986, but by a

"huge natural catastrophe beyond imagination," Amano said.

In addition, the reactors at Fukushima had been automatically shutdown when the earthquake hit, so "there is no chain reaction going on," the IAEA chief said.

Furthermore, the Chernobyl reactor did not have a reactor vessel, while Fukushima does "and that reactor vessel is still contained" even after two explosions there, he said.

The "design is different and the structure is different. Based on this, it is very unlikely that Fukushima would develop into an accident like Chernobyl," Amano said.

The IAEA also said it has no indication at the current time of a possible meltdown at the quake-hit nuclear reactors.

"We have no indication of fuel that is currently melting at this point," said James Lyons, director of the IAEA's Safety at Nuclear Installations division.

The current situation was "very dynamic... (but) given the information we have, we have not been told that at this point," the expert said.

Amano said that Japan has officially asked the IAEA to send a team of experts to help in the current nuclear crisis.

It had not yet been decided the exact nature of the assistance the watchdog would provide, or when, he said.

As soon as the massive earthquake hit Japan on Friday, damaging the Fukushima nuclear plant located 250 kilometres (160 miles) northeast of Tokyo, the IAEA made a formal offer of assistance to the government.

St Lucia defends hospitality after gays attacked

CASTRIES, St Lucia – The St Lucia government said today that the recent attack on three gay visitors to the island appeared to be perpetrated by individuals whose views do not reflect the sentiments of the majority f law abiding citizens.

In a statement, the authorities said that they were extending "sincere apologies" and a speedy recovery to United States citizens Todd Wiggins, Michael Baker and Nick Smith, who were assaulted while on the island.

"St Lucia does condone such acts of violence which appeared to be perpetrated by individuals whose views do not reflect sentiments of the majority of law-abiding citizens. "Whether or not this crime was motivated by anti-gay sentiment, or during the course of robbery, it is none-the-less unacceptable behaviour and our destination will not tolerate it. Our law enforcement authorities are pursuing this matter relentlessly," the statement noted.

The three visitors were attacked as they showered together in a cottage in the west coast town of Soufriere.

One of the men has since taken his story to several leading gay publications in the United States and has also documented his ordeal on various social networks, suggesting that the incident represented a hate crime directed at gays.



This aerial shot shows a pleasure boat sitting on top of a building amid a sea of debris in Otsuchi town in lwate prefecture.

G8 ministers meet on Libya no-fly zone

PARIS (AFP) – The Group of Eight powers gathered in Paris to thrash out a common line on possible intervention to ground the warplanes pounding Libya's rebels.

The G8 ministers were also to discuss devastating earthquake and tsunami in Japan, which have raised fears of a nuclear disaster after damage to a power plant, as well as economic concerns.

In Libya, as forces loyal to strongman Moamer Khadhafi pushed their fierce assault against the rebels to the key town of Ajdabiya, the world's eight powers were seeking a common front, with host France pushing for a no-fly zone over Libya. French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe vowed to step up efforts to get approval for the measure, which is backed by the 22-nation Arab League, considered crucial for dealing with the region.

But Britain and France, which are drafting a resolution for the UN Security Council, failed last week to convince their European Union partners to back the move, and the United States and Russia are also lukewarm.

"There hasn't been a complete refusal... we would prefer to act as quickly as possible," France's ambassador to the UN, Gerard Araud, said after talks at the Security Council in New York.







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Week of National celebrations in full swing!

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Several dignitaries, to mention, the Prime Minister of Aruba, Mike Eman, Mr. Piet Hein Donner, Dutch Minister for Kingdom Affairs, and the Prime Minister of Curacao, Gerrit Schotte, will offer speeches in the presence of Áruba Governor, Fredis Refunjol. The various speeches will reflect on the significance of our Apart Status within the Dutch Kingdom and the importance for a nation to have its national symbols. Following the speeches, Local singer and musician Claudius Phillips and Oreo will close out the Feria Dushi Tera with a tremendous musical concert.

The entire Aruban community is invited to come out and celebrate Aruba's Status Aparte, our national anthem and flag on March 17th from 6:00 p.m. in the afternoon to 1:00 a.m. at the tremendous Feria Dushi Tera. Several streets connecting to the Plaza Betico Croes, Plaza Bolivariana and Cas Di Cultura will be partially closed to traffic, such as, Vondellaan, Rumbastraat and Stadionweg in an effort to create a friendly and safe atmosphere and to facilitate the public easy access to the areas.













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Tourism results records 3.57% increase

ORANJESTAD -- The tourism statistics for the first two months of 2011 are in and the results are very positive for our island. As of January an increase of 5.2% was noted with respect to the total number of visitors to the island as compared to January 2010. The month of February has continued the same trend with an increase of 1.82% compared to that of February 2010. Hence, for the first two months of 2011 we have recorded a significant increase of 3.57%.

Minister of Tourism, Otmar Oduber expressed satisfaction with the positive results, but hastened to indicate that there are yet many challenges ahead of us to maintain this rate of increase. Venezuela, which is a constant challenge, has shown a very positive development during the first two months of 2011 compared to that of 2010, which is extremely positive but that we must continue to give it much attention.

Up to February 2011 the total amount of visitors from Venezuela was 11.299 which represents an increase of 20.02% compared to the figures of 2010. This increase is a positive development for our tourism, especially in view of the fact that Venezuela is our second largest market, according to the minister of tourism.

Another development which deserves our attention is our principal market, the USA, which has shown a slight drop. Up to February we have noted a decrease of 1.02% compared to that of 2010. This drop is relative to the reduction in flights from Boston. Oduber is giving this much attention and as of last year he has been meeting with various airlines to address this matter.

On the other hand, other markets which are also important for our tourism such as Colombia, continues to show substantial increases. Up to February there has been a 30.34% increase from Colombia compared to the same period in 2010. The same goes for the Argentine market which is growing steadily and receiving a lot of attention from the minister of tourism. The number of visitors from Suriname has grown to a whopping 43.55% during the first two months of 2011.

Other destinations from the Southern region such as Chile, Peru and Ecuador have reported the following figures, respectively: 240.28%, 19.80% and 50.96%.

These figures indicate that there is a healthy diversification of markets seeking out Aruba as a tourism destination.

With respect to the European market, Minister Oduber observed that from this area also the number of visitor arrivals have continued to show increases. From Holland there is an increase of 5.49%, Great Britain 17.49% and from Italy a significant increase of 125.16%. The heavy increase from Italy is as a result of the direct flights from Milan with the Eden Viagi airline.

Oduber remarked that he was extremely pleased with the positive results and that he is committed to working hard to maintain this trend and to im-

	Februari 2011
United States	- 1.02%
Puerto Rico	- 93.10%
Canada	13.82%
Venezuela	20.02%
Colombia	30.34%
Brazil	- 12.33%
Argentina	43.55%
Peru	19.80%
Ecuador	50.96%
Surinam	29.57%
Chile	240.28%
Mexico	19.23%
Rest of South America	13.73%
The Netherlands	5.49%
Belgium	24.28%
Germany	- 25.78%
Austria	- 14.10%
Switzerland	22.92%
Portugal	48.15%
Spain	50.75%
Italy	125.16%
United Kingdom	17.49%
Russia	-18.63%
Denmark	73.47%
Finland	58.17%
Norway	1 4.62%
Sweden	3.50%
Rest of Europe	5.06%
Curacao	- 6.62%
Rest Neth. Antilles	- 4.60%
Trinidad & Tobago	48.81%
The Dominican Řepublic	- 14.91%
Caribbean General	70.11%
Japan	- 70.45%
Rest of the World	4.56%

prove those markets needing our attention. He is convinced that with the new independent ATA there are substantially more possibilities for marketing

our island in an effective and efficient manner. His objective this year is to concentrate on airlift which will have positive results for our tourism industry.

Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort & Casino 2010 Awards **Banquet Celebration**







2010 Associate of the Year



2010 Resort Manager of the Year



Manager of the 4th Qrtr



Casino Supervisor of the 4th Qrtr



Resort Supervisor of the 4th Qrtr

The Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort & Casino most recently hosted their Annual Awards Banquet Celebration in the Regency Ballroom to recognize their distinguished Service Team Members. The celebration started out as a reception for all the award nominees complete with Chef's culinary specialties, beverages and lively music. The MC's for this event were: General Manager, Mr. Fred Hoffmann and Human Resources Director, Michele Brooks. Mr. Hoffmann began with the announcement of the November and December 2010 Exceptional Service Team Award winners.

The Exceptional Service Team Members for November 2010 were:

Nancy Adarme (Kitchen), Vivian Sevinger (Casino), Sharline Scholten (Casino), Andaya Monjhet (Laundry), Marie Pierre (Laundry), Margarita Becker (Laundry). Karim Curet (Security), Juan Arredondo (Bellstand), Juan Lovera (Recreation), Hector Padaoan (Recreation), Romeo Sy (Recreation), Corneluis Elshot (Security), Giovanni La Torre (Engineering), Danilo Tulabot (HSKP), Rosaris Cornelio (HSKP), Clarisa Diaz (Beverage), Casimor Figaroa (Beverage), Angelo Lourrents (Beverage), Richard Alquichire (Shoco Market), Elsie Guerion (PBX), Jenny Villa-Figueroa (Minibar), Steffie Wools (Front Office), Michella Vingal (Front Office), Altagracia Croes (Front Office).

The Exceptional Service **Team Members for Decem**ber 2010 were as follows:

Hanicay Ducasse (Palms), Catalina Florencio (Palms), Jessie Rabang (Palms), Coral Berkel (Concierge), Martha Pineros-Dominguez (Kitchen), Olga Calderon-Thomas (Kitchen), Anea Louis (HSKP), Idalie Cordero (HSKP), Edna Montilme (HSKP), Julia Lopez-Laguna (HSKP), Maria Mavares-Dible (HSKP), Orlando Tabares (HSKP), Arrastelle Severe (Ruinas del Mar), Fanny Dirksz (Ruinas Del Mar), Diego Odor Cifuentes (Ruinas del Mar), Glenna Thomas (Rumas del Mar), Freddy Rodriguez (Ruinas del Mar), Ligia del Carmen Tromp (Ruinas del Mar), Noelia Boekhoudt-de la Rosa (Casino), Elizabeth Kuira (Kadushi Bar), Cesar Vicent Huamani (Recreation), Melissa Carrilho (Still Water Spa), Job Madayag (Recreation), Romeo Digol (Beverage), Edwin Castaño (Beverage), Farizah Willems-Van Dal (Front Office), Jaime Sierra Puerta (Engineering), Maurella Ras (Human Resources).

Mr. Hoffmann continued the ceremonies by awarding the Manager, Assistant Manager and Supervisor for the 4th Quarter. This was, without a doubt, a worthy recognition of their loyalty and dedication to Hyatt Regency Aruba and to the Hyatt Brand.

4th Quarter award winners:

- Bernadetta Tromp Manager of the Quarter -**Human Resources**
- sort Supervisor of the Quarter - Banquet
- Quarter MIS

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ment of the 4th Quarter recipients, it was time to announce

- Pamela Bryson Re-
- Michaelangelo Janga Casino Supervisor of the

Right after the announce-



Assistant Manager /Supervisor of the Year, Resort Associate of the Year, and Casino Manager for the Casino.

Finally the time had come for the highlight of the afternoon for the announcements of the 2010 prestigious award winners. The Human Resources team together with the Executive Team Members crowned each finalist, which were in turn called to the podium by Mr. Hoffmann and Ms. Brooks to announce the winner of each category for

The Award winners for 2010 were as follows:

2010 Resort Associate of the Year: Elisa Gurion -

- 2010 Resort Supervisor of the Year: Michaelangelo Janga – MIS/IT
- 2010 Manager of the Philemon Astrel- Culi-Year nary
- 2010 Casino Manager of the Year - Venancio Maduro- Casino

Hyatt Regency Aruba is truly proud of all the 2010 Exceptional Service Team Winners. 2010 winners of the Quarterly Manager and Supervisor Awards and of course our 2010 Annual Award Winners as well.

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Scol Scucha Nos to participate in Aruba's National celebration



Friday March 11, a group of students of Scol Scucha Nos, for the hearing impaired, paid a courtesy visit to Minister of Economic and Social Affairs and Culture, Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar. The purpose was to declare they are quite ready to participate in the upcoming March 18 celebra-



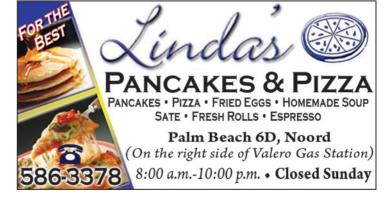


tions, having diligently practiced to sing the national anthem, "Aruba Dushi Tera."

The students of Scol Scucha Nos mostly communicate through sign language. Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar invited them to her office where they gave a presentation for the Council of Ministers and they received resounding applause and congratulations from all present.

The students will reprise their performance at the sil-

ver anniversary celebration of Aruba's Status Aparte within the Dutch Kingdom this coming Friday, which also marks the 35th year since the first recognition of the island's own national symbols, the flag and anthem.





Sci-Tech

Europe takes new look at nuclear safety after Japan quake

BRUSSELS (AFP) – Europe scrambled to review safety measures at scores of atomic reactors as authorities Monday moved to reassure the public and safeguard the nuclear industry in light of events in Japan.

With more than 150 reactors scattered across the continent in half as many nuclear power plants, the European Union said it was convening emergency talks in Brussels on Tuesday gathering energy ministers, national nuclear safety officials and big nuclear companies.

"The aim is to get first-hand information on contingency plans and safety measures in place," said the European Commission, the 27-nation bloc's executive arm.

But as Japan struggled to cope with feared reactor meltdowns after a massive earthquake, anti-nuclear protesters took to the streets across Europe, forcing governments onto the defensive while non-nuclear Austria reiterated its fears of nuclear power.

"Our neighbours are banking on nuclear energy," said Austrian Environment Minister Nikolaus Berlakovich.

"We are demanding maximum safety guarantees for the Austrian people and all of our neighbours must be able to provide the same guarantee for their citizens," he said.

Most EU nations use nuclear energy, led by France with 19 plants and 58 reactors. Of the others, Britain has nine plants and 19 reactors, Germany (12 and 17), Sweden (7 and 16), Spain (6 and 9), Belgium (2 and 7), Finland (4), Hungary (4), Bulgaria (2), Greece (1), Lithuania (1), Netherlands (2), Romania (2), Slovakia (4), Slovenia (1) and Czech Republic (6).

"Can they resist earthquakes? How do their reactor cooling systems function?" asked Berlakovich, who said she would demand "stress tests" at the plants.

Developer Jailbreaks iPad 2 Remotely

The iPad 2 was released just three days ago, and it's already been jailbroken by developer and hacker Comex. Apple released its secondgeneration tablet on Friday,

Apple released its secondgeneration tablet on Friday, and released iOS 4.3 two days prior. But by the end of the weekend, Comex had gotten Cydia to run on the updated iPad, Tech Spot reported Sunday.

Cydia is an app that allows users to find and download jailbroken apps and software for other iOS devices. Comex posted a video of the latest iPad running this program without security.

In response to the jail-break, @comex tweeted: "would've had it yesterday if I didn't have to spend 1.5 days looking for a replacement exploit (which came from a most unexpected place...)."

"Congrats to @comex for jailbreaking yet another brand new device (iPad2) while 2500 miles away from it!," @iphone_dev tweeted, revealing that the task was done remotely.

A public version of the hack hasn't been posted yet, but buzz on Twitter suggests that it will be soon for both the Wi-Fi and 3G models of the iPad 2 on both Verizon and AT&T.

Apple likely sold between 400,000 and 500,000 iPad 2 devices over the weekend, analysts have said. Research from Piper Jaffray suggests that 70 percent of those lining

up to buy the highly-coveted tablet were new to the device. By contrast, when Apple released the original iPad, it initially sold 300,000 of the devices.

Widespread reports said that retail locations carrying the iPad, such as Apple Stores, Target, Best Buy, and others were already selling out of the tablet on Friday evening.

Digital ways to donate to Japan disaster relief

HONG KONG (AFP) - Technology giants Apple, Google, Facebook and Twitter are all offering digital ways to donate to Japan's recovery efforts following the massive earthquake and devastating tsunami.

Apple has set up an option on its iTunes software to allow registered users to donate from \$5 to \$200 to the American Red Cross simply by clicking a button for the chosen amount.

The Red Cross has also launched a campaign on Facebook through the social

media giant's Causes function, initially aiming to raise at least \$25,000 for relief efforts.

But it soon overtook this figure -- raising over \$50,000 by 0530 GMT from 1,300 donors, and raising its target to \$75,000.

"Japan has given so much to the world over the years through their technology," commented Facebook user Amina Naqvi. "Now its pay back time. All good people of world come forward and help Japan."



Elderly Tend to Drive Slower to Make Up for Reaction Time

-- One reason that elderly pedestrians were perceived as respond to hazards and dan- Tal Oron-Gilad, of the depeople tend to be slower drivers than younger people is because they have a narrower field of vision and have more difficulty seeing pedestrians, according to a new study.

Israeli researchers tested experienced elderly and nonelderly drivers, and compared the differences between them in reaction times and when

hazards. Driving simulator tests showed that the elderly drivers noticed pedestrians half as often as younger drivers and also took longer to respond to hazardous situations involving pedestrians.

The elderly drivers reduced their driving speed by almost 20 percent in order to give themselves more time to

gers, said the team at Ben-Gurion University of the

"These findings strengthen the notion that elderly drivers, shown to have a narrower useful field of view, may also be limited in their ability to detect hazards, particularly when outside the center of their view,"

partment of industrial engineering, said in a university news release.

She added that "authorities should be aware of these limitations and increase elderly drivers' awareness of pedestrians by posting traffic signs or dedicated lane marks that inform them of potential upcoming hazards.'

Health & Living

Nuclear contamination: The options

PARIS, France (AFP) - Evacuation, temporary shelter and iodine pills are the chief weapons for protecting civilians against nuclear fallout, experts say.

A blast on week-end that wrecked the concrete shell surrounding the No. 1 reactor at Japan's Fukushima nuclear plant released radioactive vapour but not at levels dangerous for human health, according to Japanese officials.



Elderly people, evacuated from the area near the Fukushima nuclear plant, read a newspaper.

Specialists say the authorities have a several-pronged strategy for shielding civilians if there is an explosive breach of the reactor, as in the April 26 1986 Chernobyl disaster.

In that event, a cloud of radioactive dust spread over parts of Ukraine and Belarus, triggering a surge in cancer and birth defects. The death toll ranges from a UN 2005 estimate of 4,000 to tens or even hundreds of thousands, proposed by non-governmental groups.

"There are three weapons against contamination -- evacuation, confinement and iodine," said Patrick Gourmelon, director of radioprotection at a French nuclear watchdog, the Institute for Radioprotection and Nuclear Safety (IRSN).

About 200,000 people have already been evacuated from residential areas around Fukushima, located 250 kilometres (120 miles) north of

Confinement is a highly effective tool pending evacuation to a safer area.

In a nuclear alert, the authorities also hand out iodine pills to prevent cancers of the thyroid, which is a particular risk for babies, young children, teenagers and expectant or breast-feeding mothers.

One of the many unknowns at Fukushima is the fate of plant personnel and emergency workers, who may have been exposed to a higher radiation



Emotive wedding for Bernardo and Pierana









Bernardo Dabezies Massone and Pierana Ferrer Guichón, from Uruguay, got married in an emotional ceremony on December 29 at Manchebo Beach Resort on the island paradise of Aruba

The tropical breeze that enveloped them on the white sandy beach and the crystal clear sound of the waves were witness of the couple's dream to give themselves to each other in holy matrimony.

After the ceremony the couple offered a toast to their

guests: a Caribbean seafood cocktail consisting of marinated shrimp, scallops, mussels and grilled pink salmon in a fruit sauce with tequila, accompanied by mango shakes. strawberry, pina colada and banana served in coconut shell. The catering service was led by chef Jerome White who delighted guests with his art gourmet, making the wedding a memorable experience.

Local wedding planner, Lissy Lampe, of "Ceremonies & Celebrations" took care of

the blessing on the beach. "Known for her expertise of more than 20 years in the industry. Lissy and her team understood what we longed for with only a few e-mail exchanges, taking care of all requirements for the ceremony, leaving us calm as if we were there," the couple said enthusiastically.

The couple shared their joy with friends and family members in a fun and original party that started at sundown and ended late at night under the tropical sky, accompanied by endless music of a steel pan.

The honeymooners after-

wards flew to Key West and Grand Bahamas.



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RBC/RBTT launches employee voluntary program 2011



As introduction to its volunteer week, which will take place in April, RBC and RBTT launched Employee Volunteer Programs for 2011, offering approximately 79,000 employees around the world the opportunity to earn funds for the charity foundation of their choice.

Volunteer Week is from April 10 to 16 in all jurisdictions in which RBC and RBTT operates. RBC and RBTT employees can win grants to support charity foundations of their choice through their "Community Spirit Awards Employee Volunteer Grant Program" and "Day of Service Grant Award Program.".

"RBC and RBTT developed these programs to sup-

port volunteer work among its employees as part of our commitment to the community and collective responsibility,' Andre Roberts, stated RBC/RBTT Head, Corporate Communication & Brand "These programs accommodate the lifestyle of our employees and supports those who already are involved and active in the community, as well as those looking for a way to get involved, either individually or as part of a team."

Employees who stand out in leadership and dedication to our community are eligible for the Community Spirit Award, while Employee Volunteer Grant Program demonstrates appreciation to employees who perform more than 40 hours of volunteer work per year. RBC/RBTT Day of Service Grant supports all teams who perform community service after working hours on a day in the month of April.

The programs are for RBC employees around the world, including any of the 19 locations in the Caribbean where RBC/RBTT operates. The winners will be announced during Volunteer Week. They will receive a certificate of participation and a donation to the organization of their choice.



The Orange Fish festival, a success at Aqua Windie's



Animal Rescue Foundation quire veterinarian assistance. Aruba and Animal Rights Aruba joined efforts to raise funds this weekend at a wellattended and fun Orange Fish festival organized by volunteers at Aqua Windie's on Eagle Beach.

The funds collected at the festival will be used to spay and neuter stray dogs and cats, and to care for animals that reAqua Windie's has graciously offered to host this event designed to help rescue homeless animals on Aruba, in the garden and the restaurant.

While Aruba is an animalloving island, the problem of stray animals continues to grow. Both ARFA & ARA, two local not for profit foundation, are directing their efforts at ed-



ucating the population about the benefits of spaying and neutering, and preventing the birth of unwanted puppies, and

On the other hand ARFA & ARA is also busy offering pets for adoption, and has more than 20 puppies at the moment looking for a loving home. Both organizations report they

will be active in the community this year raising awareness and collecting resources to help with this daunting challenge.

Pictured here fun items to buy – crafts, books, jewelry, flea market items, face paintings, cookies and desserts, the festival at Aqua Windie's was

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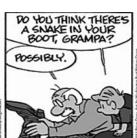
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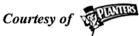




















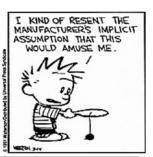
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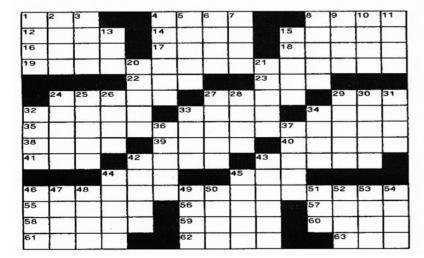
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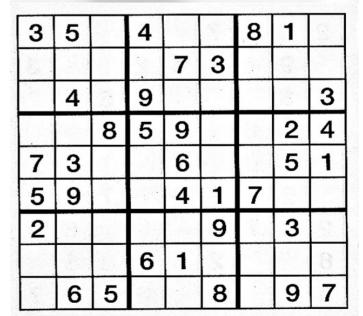
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Bombed Iraq-Turkey oil pipeline reopens: ministry

BAGHDAD (AFP) - A key Iraqi pipeline bombed by saboteurs last week is back in action, pumping oil to the Turkish port of Ceyhan, an oil ministry spokesman said. "The repairs were done in record time and pumping resumed late Sunday. The flow



rate now is about 500,000 barrels a day," Asim Jihad told AFP. A bomb last week at Ninawa, some 110 kilometres (70 miles) west of the city of Kirkuk, forced the complete shutdown of the pipeline which transports 450,000 to 500,000 barrels of crude oil per day to Ceyhan. "A segment of the pipeline was replaced and another leak was fixed," said an official of of the stateowned North Oil Company, which operates the pipeline.

An NOC official had told AFP oil shipments through Ceyhan had not been interrupted during repairs, because reserves were kept at Ceyhan.

Iraqi pipelines have often been targeted by militants in recent years. Unidentified attackers detonated a bomb overnight on February 26 at the Baiji refinery, 200 kilometres (124 miles) north of Baghdad.

A few days later, authorities foiled a second attack against the refinery, when an improvised bomb was found and defused, officials said. Iraq produces 2.6 million barrels of crude oil per day, of which some two million barrels are exported.

Renault apologises to managers wrongly sacked for spying:



PARIS (AFP) -Renault apologised to three top managers fired in January over allegations of industrial espionage, after it emerged the French car maker may

have been the victim of fraud. Renault boss Carlos Ghosn and operations chief Patrick Pelata "apologise and express deep regret, personally and in Renault's name," to the three employees who were "wrongly accused", the company said

Ghosn and Pelata said they would meet with the managers concerned as soon as possible and "make reparations" after revelations that the source of information alleging the spying may have been a fraudster

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Tokyo stocks hammered, BoJ unleashes record funds

TOKYO (AFP) - Japanese stocks tumbled yesterday and the central bank pumped a record amount of cash in a bid to soothe money markets shaken by Japan's biggest ever earthquake, a devastating tsunami and a nuclear emergency.

The Bank of Japan said it would pump in a record 15 trillion yen (\$184 billion) to help stabilise the short term-money market, making good on its pledge that it would unleash "massive" funds following the quake.

An additional 6.8 trillion yen will be deployed this week, including 3 trillion in bond purchases, bringing the total available to 21.8 trillion yen.

The BoJ will also double a five trillion yen asset purchase scheme to help buffer the economy from the shock of Japan's strongest ever quake, and left its key rate at between zero and 0.1 percent.

But the move provided little relief for unnerved traders, with



another explosion at Tokyo Electric Power's (TEPCO) Fukushima Number One nuclear plant helping push the index lower as economists eyed the impact on Japan's growth.

"Shares will be dragged down with Japan's March GDP figures expected to be sharply lower on a slump in economic activity, delays in distribution of goods on power cuts and loss of human lives," Shoji Hirakawa of UBS said.

Tokyo stocks saw their biggest fall for two years, plunging 6.18 percent with the key Nikkei index tumbling below 10,000 to 9,620.49 as top Japanese firms suspended operations.

Automakers Toyota, Nissan and Honda have announced the suspension of production in Japan. At one point Toyota -which said it would shut production until at least Wednesday -- and Nissan slumped more than 10 percent.

TEPCO slumped 23.57 percent to 1,621 yen, following an explosion in the building around the number three reactor at the troubled Fukushima

Authorities put into action plans for rolling power cuts in areas served by TEPCO to make up for the loss of power from crippled nuclear plants.

But Japan faces a huge challenge in financing it without expanding a public debt that is already the industrialised world's biggest at around 200 percent of GDP. The nation's credit rating was recently downgraded on concerns that not enough is being done to ad-

London hotels begin Olympic price hike: FT



LONDON, England (AFP) – Hotels in London have begun raising their room prices for next year's Olympic Games, with one establishment hiking up their tariffs fivefold. the Financial Times reported.

One four-star hotel quoted an unnamed wholesale trip operator 1,100 pounds (1,1750 dollars, 1,150 euros) for a room which would normally be charged at 200 pounds, the paper claimed.

On top of the rate increase. many hotels are implement-

ing harsh conditions on room reservations, including in one instance a 100 percent cancellation fee over the period :.... of the Games, according to PRAM PETER DART the FT.

"Hotels appear to be gripped by a frenzy of greed," said Mario Bodini, general secretary of tour business trade body, UKinbound.

The 2012 Olympics will run from July 27 till August 12, with the Paralympics to follow.

YESTERDAY'S **Crossword Answer**

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local cuisine with an international twist for lunch and dinner and they have managed to 'funchi" (polenta) and "pan fruit salad and yoghurt.

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James Blunt 'to play for William and Kate's wedding'



ROME, Italy (AFP) – Award-winning British singer and former army officer James Blunt said in an interview broadcast that he will be playing the organ at the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton in April.

"I'm actually playing. I'm not singing, I'm playing the

church organ there," Blunt told Italian news channel SkyTG24 during a concert tour stop in Italy following the release of his third album "Some Kind of Trouble."

Blunt shot to fame with his first album "Back to Bedlam" in 2005 including the hit singles "You're Beautiful" and "Goodbye My Lover".

Blunt was an officer in the British army's Life Guards regiment and served under NATO in Kosovo during the conflict there in 1999.

He has won two BRIT awards and two Ivor Novello awards.



BOGOTA, Colombia: Colombian pop singer Shakira performs during her Pop Festival's concert in Bogota, Colombia, on week-end. Shakira is on a tour promoting her latest album "Sale el sol".

AFP PHOTO

Flower power drug icon dies in Australia: family

LOS ANGELES (AFP) – Owsley "Bear" Stanley, who supplied LSD to the 1960s flower power generation and worked closely with psychedelic band The Grateful Dead, died Sunday in a car crash in Australia, his family said.

Stanley, who was 76, started as a sound engineer for the band and is credited with developing hifi technology which is now taken for granted, such as on-stage monitors for bands to hear themselves while playing.

But he was more remembered for the pure form of LSD he manufactured, fueling the flower power counterculture which exploded out from San Francisco in the mid to late 1960s.

Stanley died when his car swerved off a road and slammed into a tree, media reports said. Queensland police said a 76-year-old died at the scene while his female



passenger was taken to Cairns Base Hospital with minor injuries.

"We are extremely saddened to report that Owsley "Bear" Stanley, our beloved patriarch, died in an automobile accident near his home in Far North Queensland Australia," said a family statement

"The family asks for privacy while we deal with this tragedy," added the statement, issued by former

Grateful Dead tour manager Sam Cutler.

The grandson of a former governor of Kentucky, Stanley was the original LSD "cook" who produced large quantities of LSD at his lab in San Franciso. He was arrested several times for drug making.

He briefly managed the Grateful Dead and oversaw their live sounds at a time when little thought was given sound systems in public arenas. His tape recordings of Dead concerts were turned into live albums.

Stanley reportedly became an Australian citizen in 1996 and lived near the northeastern Australian city of Cairns, where he worked as an artist, making gold and enamel sculptures

He is survived by his wife Sheila, four children, eight grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren.

China approves Bob Dylan concert in Beijing

BEIJING (AFP) – China's culture ministry has confirmed American music legend Bob Dylan will be allowed to play in Beijing, the first time in the singer's illustrious career he will have performed in the country.

The ministry said in a brief statement that Dylan -- the writer of some of rock's most iconic and politically charged songs -- must perform "strictly according to an approved program".

Dylan will be allowed to

Dylan will be allowed to play in Beijing from March 30 to April 12, the ministry said, without mentioning if the singer would also be granted permission to per-



form in Shanghai.

Beijing-based promoters Gehua-LiveNation said last week that Dylan, who turns 70 in May, would play in the capital's Workers' Gymnasium on April 6 and then hold a concert at the Shanghai Grand Stage in on April 8.

The concerts were timed to mark Dylan's 50 years as a performer, the promoters said.

The news comes a year after a Taiwan promoter said its bid to take Dylan to China was scuttled after the Beijing government refused to approve shows by the performer.

Dylan is best known for the politically-inspired songs of his early career, including "The Times They Are A-Changin'" and his anti-war anthem "Blowin' in the Wind."

Two-headed turtle raises eyebrows in Slovakia

BRATISLAVA, Slovakia (AFP) – A two-headed turtle with five feet is raising eyebrows in Slovakia after the bicephalic reptile hatched in the northern town of Zilina seven weeks ago, local news agency SITA reported.

"I call it Magdalena or just Magda and Lena. Magda, is the larger head and the smaller one is Lena," explained owner Roman Gresak.

The African Spurred Tortoise (Geochelone sulcata) still fits neatly in the palm of Gresak's hand, but it could grow to 90 centimetres, SITA reported.

Magdalena's fifth foot sticks out between the two



Magdalena, a tortoise with two heads and five legs, is displayed in Zilina.

heads, which move independently.

Ğresak insisted the turtle can thank its lucky stars that it was born in captivity.

It would likely perish

among predators in the wild as there is not enough room inside the shell for both Magda and Lena to hide their heads at once, he said.

Pakistan book place in Cup quarter-finals



Umar Gul (L) of Pakistan celebrates taking the wicket of Vusi Sibanda caught by Misbah-ul-Haq (3R) during the Pakistan v Zimbabwe 2011 ICC World Cup Group A match at the Pallekele Cricket Stadium

NEW DELHI (AFP) - Pakistan brushed aside Zimbabwe on Monday to book their place in the World Cup quarter-finals as Bangladesh stayed on course for the knockout phase, cruising to a win against the Netherlands.

All four qualifiers in Group A are now decided, with co-hosts Sri Lanka, Australia and New Zealand joining Pakistan in the last eight.

In the tougher Group B, no team has yet reached the next stage but Bangladesh moved into the top four on Monday, pushing England into fifth spot. India, South Africa and West Indies currently occupy the other places.

In a rain-affected match in Pallekele in Sri Lanka, Pakistan restricted Zimbabwe to 151-7 in 39.4 overs before a second rain interruption curtailed the innings.

Man-of-the-match Umar Gul, with 3-36, was the pick of the bowlers as Zimbabwe's Craig Ervine fought a lone battle, hitting a patient 52 off 82 balls.

Pakistan, set a revised 162-run target in 38 overs under the Duckworth-Lewis formula, finished on 164-3 after 34.1 overs on the back of an unbeaten 78 by Asad Shafiq and 49 from Mohammad Hafeez.

Left-arm spinner Raymond Price (2-21) slowed Pakistan but they never looked remotely like falling short of the modest target.

Skipper Shahid Afridi said Pakistan were targeting top spot in Group A to avoid a more tricky assignment in the last eight.

A win over defending

champions Australia in Colombo on Saturday will go a long way in helping that ambition.

"We will definitely play well against Australia. It's a match which we'll take very seriously," said Afridi, whose side are a point better off than the champions but who have played a game more.

In the earlier match in Chittagong the Netherlands slumped to 160 all out in 46.2 overs despite 53 not out from the dangerous Ryan ten Doeschate.

Abdur Razzak picked up 3-29 in 10 overs, while fellow spinners skipper Shakib Al Hasan and Suhrawadi Shuvo claimed one wicket apiece.

In a reckless display of running between the wickets, the Netherlands lost four batsmen to run outs.

Untroubled Bangladesh surpassed the target in the 42nd over with left-handed Imrul Kayes making 73 not out.

"It was a nervous win because we had to win to stay in the contest. I thought the boys showed their character and bowled in really good areas and kept the pressure on," said Shakib.

Shakib admitted the team would keep one eye on the West Indies-England game even as the players prepared for the match against South Africa.

"Of course we will watch that match, but as far as we are concerned, it will change nothing. Our future should remain in our hands. The bottom line is that we have to beat South Africa."

If the West Indies beat

England on Thursday in Chennai, Bangladesh will qualify regardless of the outcome of the South Africa match. If England win, Bangladesh would need to beat the Proteas.

Dutch skipper Peter Borren admitted his team, who have had a miserable World Cup with five defeats in five games, had let themselves down.

Meanwhile, in-form South African batsman AB de Villiers has undergone a scan on a left thigh injury ahead of Tuesday's match against Ireland at Eden Gardens in Kolkata where a will put the Proteas into the last eight.



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Van Gaal dreaming of Inter's downfall

PARIS (AFP) - If Bayern Munich succeed in knocking titleholders Inter Milan out of the Champions League it will spark a day of rejoicing at the Bayarian giants, coach Louis van Gaal said on Monday.

Van Gaal's men go into Tuesday's last 16 tie at their Allianz Arena as favourites after taking the first leg in Milan 1-0, but despite that advantage van Gaal sounded a note of caution.

"My team have regained their confidence (after hammering Hamburg 6-0 in the league on Saturday).

"But Inter are difficult rivals, we have to pay attention

"From a statistical point of view we're favourites because I believe only one team has managed to qualify for the quarter-finals after losing their first leg 1-0 at home.

"If we eliminate the Euro-

pean champions it will be a day of rejoicing for everyone, for me and for the club."

Asked at the eve of match press conference whether he would stay on if he guided Bayern to the Champions League title, van Gaal replied: "We've made a decision with the management, we're going to divorce (at the end of the season), because we've got different philosophies and we don't want to continue our association in this climate.

"It's a super club, without doubt the best organised in the world, we have the best conditions.

"Every manager would like to work in these conditions, for sure I'm sad not to be able to continue my work at the head of this club and with this extraordinary group of players."

Wozniacki ends Martinez jinx in style



INDIAN WELLS (AFP) - Top seed Caroline Wozniacki stepped up her bid to win her first Indian Wells title by brushing aside Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez to reach the fourth round on Monday.

The 20-year-old Wozniacki, who lost to Sanchez in their three previous matches, swept past the Spaniard in straight sets 6-1, 6-3 in the \$9 million dollar WTA and ATP Masters 1000 hardcourt tournament.

Wozniacki, who needs a strong showing in Indian Wells to hold onto her No. 1 ranking, dispatched Sanchez in just 71 minutes, winning 85 percent of her second-serve opportunities and saving two break points.

"I had to focus on my own serve," Wozniacki said. "She has a pretty tricky serve, so once I had broken her, I just needed to keep my serve.

"That sounds very easy, but it's difficult to do sometimes.

"I had to fight till the last point, because you never know what to expect."

Wozniacki, Danish-born of Polish parentage, moves on to the fourth round where she will face the winner of a match between Russian Alisa Kleybanova and 13th seed Flavia Pennetta of Italy.

Sanchez had beaten Wozniacki three times previously dating back to the final of the 2009 Bastad clay court tournament where the Spaniard won 7-5, 6-4.

Each year Wozniacki has improved her showing at Indian Wells, reaching the final last year where she lost to Jelena Jankovic 6-2, 6-4.

All four of her losses in the California desert have been to top 10 players and this is the first year she has come into this event as world number one.

This is her second stint as the top ranked player having reclaimed the title on February 21 from Kim Clijsters. She also had it for 18 weeks beginning in October of 2010.

In early play Monday, Spain's Tommy Robredo crushed Donald Young of the US 6-0, 6-4 and ninth seeded Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland outlasted Maria Kirilenko of Russia 6-0, 2-6, 7-5





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Watney seizes World Golf Championship at Doral

MIAMI (AFP) - Nick Watney arrived at the \$8.5 million Cadillac Championship one of the hottest players in golf, if not the most famous, and he departed with his first World Golf Championships

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With four consecutive top-10 finishes under his belt this year, Watney deserved to be among the favourites for the elite WGC event at Doral's Blue Monster, where he finished a close second two years ago.

The 29-year-old may not have been a name on everyone's lips, but he soon will be if he keeps playing like he did on Sunday.

The unassuming Californian started the final round two strokes behind overnight leader Dustin Johnson, but emerged from the pack to clinch a well-deserved twostroke victory.

"It's the biggest day of my golfing career," Watney said after an emphatic birdie at the difficult final hole to shoot 67

and finish at 16-under-par 272, just his third victory on the US PGA Tour.

"This means so much and I'm very, very excited. Top-10 finishes are nice but winning is what counts out here and that's how you're measured.

"To win against this field, it's a huge honour. I'm very proud I was able to mentally and physically execute down the stretch under pressure. I'll store that in my memory bank.'

Watney boosted his bank balance by \$1.4 million but, as he indicated, the increase in his confidence will be priceless.

In 2009, Watney was millimetres from being in a playoff with Phil Mickelson here, only to watch his chip shot at the final hole stop on the edge of the cup.

And just last August he had a three-stroke lead going into the final round of the PGA Championship, only to blow up with a demoralising

"Just the let-down and disappointment of the way I performed that day came into my head," Watney admitted.

Johnson shot 71 for second place on 14-under, with Dane Anders Hansen (67) and Italian Francesco Molinari (69) another stroke back in a tie for third.

Tiger Woods was never in contention, but a closing 66, equal to the day's best score, lifted him to equal 10th, eight strokes off the pace.



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Alonso unhappy with Pirelli tyres

MADRID (AFP) - Spain's two-time world champion Fernando Alonso has joined the criticism of the new Pirelli tyres set to be used when the Formula One season begins later this month.

"With Pirelli, we can't brake hard enough .. and the traction has deteriorated," the Ferrari driver told the Span-

ish daily El Pais published Monday.

Italian manufacturer Pirelli takes over from Japan's Bridgestone as the new and exclusive supplier of tyres for the 2011 Formula One season, which begins with the Australian Grand Prix in Melbourne on March 27.



Buffalo Sabre legend Rick Martin dies

BUFFALO, New York (AFP)

– Rick Martin, a member of the Buffalo Sabres' fabled "French Connection" line in the 1970s, has died at the age of 59, the National Hockey League team has said.

The Sabres announced Martin's death in a statement before Sunday's game against Ottawa.

New York state police said Martin died after a one-car crash in the Buffalo suburb of Clarence

Clarence.
NYSP Captain Steven Nigrelli said the car Martin was driving crossed the center line of the road and struck a utility pole before coming to rest against a tree.

Nigrelli said witnesses

saw Martin with his head slumped and eyes closed at the wheel and it appeared that he had "an undetermined medical emergency" prior to the accident.

An autopsy is to be conducted to determine the cause of death, police said.

"Rick was not only one of the greatest players in franchise history, he was a great friend to the Sabres organization and entire community," a statement from the team said.

"The thoughts and prayers of the entire Sabres organization go out to his wife, Mikey, and their two sons, Corey and Josh."

Martin was selected fifth overall by the Sabres in the

1971 draft, and made an impact on the team the following season when he scored what was then an NHL rookie

record 44 goals.
A native of LaSalle, Quebec, Richard Lionel Martin played left wing on a line centered by Gilbert Perreault and Rene Robert, which became known as The French Connection.



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